(d) In view of above question does not arise.

Private power projects

2889. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of private power projects existing at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of these projects sanctioned by Central Electricity Authority till date and by when these plants will start generating power in addition to (a) above;

(c) the manner by which the power produced by these private plants will be utilized; and

(d) the assistance provided by Government to these plants, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) A total of 52 private power projects are presently existing in the country.The State-wise break-up is Himachal Pradesh-2, Gujarat-9, Maharashtra-8, Goa-1, Andhra Pradesh-5, Kerala-3, Karnataka-6, Tamil Nadu-5, Jharkhand-1, West Bengal-9, Assam-2 and Andaman & Nicobar-1 .These also include the power projects of private licensee companies which were in existence even prior to announcement of the policy in 1991 to encourage greater private sector participation in the power sector.

(b) Out of a total of 61 private power projects accorded techno-eco-nomic clearance (TEC) by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), 16 projects have so far been commissioned, which are included in the projects mentioned under reply to (a) above. Of the remaining 45 projects, 4 are no longer being pursued through private sector by the respective States. The commissioning of the balance 41 projects depends upon tying up of the required inputs/clearances (including financial closure) by the project developers.

(c) Power from the private power projects is generally fed into the State Grid for further distribution.

(d) Government of India (Gol) has been facilitating implementation of

these projects in trying up the required inputs/clearances though no financial assistance is being provided for private sector power projects. However, GoI has provided counter guarantee to 6 out of 8 identified private sector power projects *viz.* the 740 MW Dabhol (Phase-I) and 1082 MW Bhadrawati power projects in Maharashtra, 216 MW Jegurupadu (Phase-I) and 1040 MW Visakhapatnam projects in Andhra Pradesh, 250 MW Neyveli-Zero Unit project in Tamil Nadu and 420 MW lb Valley project (Units 3 & 4) in Orissa with to provide financial comfort to the investors and their lenders.Three of the projects *viz.* Dabhol (Phase-I), Jegurupadu (Phase-I) and Neyveli-Zero Unit having a total capacity of 1206 MW have been commissioned. Counter guarantees given for the Bhadrawati and Visakhapatnam projects have lapsed due to inability of the projects to comply with the required conditions. Counter guarantee given to the lb Valley project has also, lapsed since the project parameters have been changed with the new capacity being 500 MW (Units 5 & 6).

One of the projects (*viz.,* Godavari CCGT in Andhra Pradesh) withdrew the request for a GoI counter guarantee. Counter guarantee could not be issued to the Mangalore project in Karnataka since the State Government did not accept the prescribed conditions.

Electrification of villages in Tenth Five Year Plan

2890. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently CCEA has approved an action plan for 100 per cent village electrification and sanctioned Rs. 564 crores in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan;

(c) the amount that has been allocated for the year 2003-04; and

(d) the details of villages that are going to be covered in the first two years of Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a total grant of 563.87 crores for the Tenth